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1. On 23 July 1953, an engineer exercise was observed near Apollensdorf, in the large bend of the Elbe River near kilometermark 222. Twenty pontons, trucks, 3 crane trucks, 4 motorboats, 1 truck occupied by troops and 40 other trucks were observed in the tent camp.

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2. At about 5 a.m. on 23 July [redacted] 1 tank hull, 15 trucks and 15 boxcars were unloaded in Wittenberg. The trucks mounted AA machine guns on tripods [redacted]

3. On 23 July, two large searchlights were emplaced 50 meters south of Graefenhainichen (N 22/E 25). Trucks and radio trucks were seen nearby.

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4. On 16 and 17 July, the workers of the Buna Plant in Merseburg were still on strike. [redacted] a Soviet tank regiment, including 100 T-34 tanks [redacted] and 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; as well as 500 KVP personnel, were employed there.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army is, as previously, carried in Apollensdorf.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The tanks belong to the 52d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gas Tank Div. The shipment went from Justerog to Wittenberg [redacted] For information on other shipments of the 6th Gas Tank Div which, in July, went from Wittenberg to Justerog and vice versa, see [redacted] It could not yet be determined for what purpose these movements were made. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The tanks presumably belonged to the 21st Gds Mecz Div and probably came from Lessa. [redacted] a tank company of the division [redacted] had been employed as early as 15 July.

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